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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An adapter for screwdriver having elastic retainer ring comprising: a sleeve, a slide ring, a spring and a retainer ring,
15 wherein the slide ring ~~[[being]]~~ is a column member interiorly defined with a multi-stage hole, ~~[[at]]~~ in the a front of ~~[[which]]~~ the multi-stage hole is sequentially provided ~~[[with]]~~ an cone inner ring having increased cone ratio, a secondary inner ring and a big inner ring ~~in turn, the sleeve having~~ a hexagonal socket hole and an annular groove are defined at the front end
20 ~~thereof and at the same an annular groove defined for engaging with~~ of the sleeve, and the annular groove is used to receive a C-shape ring, the retainer ring, the C-shape ring, the spring and a ring are mounted to a assembling diameter of the sleeve, ~~wherein~~ the retainer ring ~~[[has]]~~ is formed with a gap

and ~~also has a~~ an internal diameter of the retainer ring is minor than the assembling diameter of the front end of the sleeve, the retainer ring is further axially provided with a flange in connecting with a downward flange, at the outer periphery of the assembling diameter of the sleeve thereof a hole is
5 defined for the passage of the downward flange, through which, the downward flange is able to engage in ~~[[the]]~~ a retainer groove of the screwdriver bit~~[[.]]~~;

the retainer ring is further provided at both sides of the downward flange with a notch, respectively.

- 10 2. (Cancelled)
 3. (Cancelled)
 4. (Cancelled)